GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Staff in DD/AIR
Misra Shri Pinaki;Singh Shri Ravneet;Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of various posts like news reader, presenters, announcers etc. including technical and nontechnical are lying vacant in All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) for a long period;

(b) if so, the details thereof, DDK/AIR station-wise and category-wise;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill up the said posts;

(d) whether a large number of employees in AIR and DD are working on contractual basis since long time, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to regularise their services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]:

(a) to (c): Though there are vacancies in All India Radio and Doordarshan in technical and non-technical posts, there is a need to reassess actual requirement of staff in Prasar Bharati keeping in view changes in broadcast technologies. Prasar Bharati has been advised to carry out a Manpower Audit to identify posts actually needed to be filled up.

(d) to (e): Prasar Bharati has informed that contractuals are engaged both by All India Radio and Doordarshan for smooth functioning of their operations. Prasar Bharati has further informed that as per the terms and conditions of engagement of contractuals, there is no provision for their regularization.

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